

CJSA Club Pass – PREMIER
US Youth Soccer – National Championship Series (State Cup)

Questions and Answers

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1) What is the objective of the CJSA club pass System?

CJSA implemented a club pass to provide clubs and coaches with the flexibility to move players from team to team in their own club as necessary for the Premier League, based on player development and team needs. Another objective is to eliminate the administrative paperwork to those who wish to move players internally on game day.

2) When was the CJSA club pass implemented?

Fall, 2005

3) What is the objective of the US Youth Soccer club pass?

US Youth Soccer implemented a club pass to provide clubs and coaches with the flexibility to move players from team to team in their own club as necessary for the National Championship Series (State Cup), based on player development and team needs. Another objective is to give clubs the option of adjusting their roster at each level of National Championship Series play.

4) When is the US Youth Soccer club pass used?

Prior to the freezing of cup rosters at each level of play – State, Regional and National.

5) When was the US Youth Soccer club pass implemented?

July 30, 2011

6) Can a premier player play in the same age group in a different division in the Premier League?

No.

7) Can a classic player, from the same club, play on a premier team within it's club?

Yes, play may be at the same age group at any division of play in the premier league.

8) When will coaches be able to use a "CJSA club pass" player?

A club pass player can be used during any regular CJSA premier league game or in a non league (friendly) game. The club pass system does not apply to tournaments, Region I Premier League or State Cup since those events are governed by their own rules.

9) Is this geared towards the needs of the big clubs? How will small clubs benefit from the club pass system?

All clubs, regardless of size will benefit. In fact, smaller clubs could benefit even more. Circumstances such as injuries to players and unavailability of players affect the smaller clubs more adversely. The club pass will enable them to move players freely from age groups below. Small clubs that have a hard time finding enough players for each team will be able to field more teams in the knowledge that they can reinforce squads by moving players as needed.

10) Won't parents and/or team coaches get upset if their players are moved around?

It is up to each club how and when to use the club pass system. Clubs who do not see a need for it or who are happy to continue rostering and using players in the traditional way are not obligated to utilize the club pass. It will become an internal club policy on how to deal with the added flexibility of a club pass.

11) Can I add players to my roster from outside my club?

Yes. Players can be added from outside the club.

12) How will the existing State Cup rules affect the CJSA club pass system?

The State Cup is still based on the 'team' concept and its rules dictate that teams maintain a roster continuity from the league roster to the frozen State Cup roster. Teams who wish to maintain eligibility for State Cup will have to stay within the required continuity. For example, the State Cup limits roster size to min of 9 and max. of 18 for teams U13 and under and 22 for U14 and up and at least 9 players from the league roster must be part of the frozen cup roster. Also, only 5 interclub players (transfers) are allowed on the roster when it is frozen.

REMINDER - U14-19 premier teams may now roster up to 22 players for CJSA Premier League and State Cup, however may only play 18 players in any game.

13) When will a player transfer not count towards "5 previously rostered"?

If a player has only been rostered within a club – Intraclub, he/she will not be counted as a transfer for teams within the club. If a player was transferred from another club – Interclub, he/she will always be counted as a previously rostered player within the club.

Important: All interclub transfer players must be registered to the club/team prior to the team's State Cup roster freeze date for that age group.

14) Can I use the CJSA or US Youth Soccer club pass in a State Cup game at the state level?

No. State Cup rosters are frozen at each level. Changes may only be made at the next level of competition.

15) What sanctions will apply if the club pass system is abused?

The existing sanctions (pertaining to using ineligible players in games) already in place would still apply, such as game forfeit, etc. Violations such as playing a player at the same or down an age group should be reported by the opposing team in the standard procedure and will then be heard by and adjudicated by the Premier Discipline Committee using the normal process.

16) What will be the responsibility of the referee on a regular season game day?

Normal regular season pre-game check-in with additional verification of the game day roster and player pass.

17) What will be the responsibility of the coach on a regular season game day?

To check and verify the age group of any club pass players. To create, have each player sign and submit a game day roster to the referee prior to the start of the game.

18) In what age group may a player participate?

Players may play age appropriate or on an older team. An example: A U16 player rostered on a U18 team may also play on the clubs U16, 17 and 19 premier league game day roster.